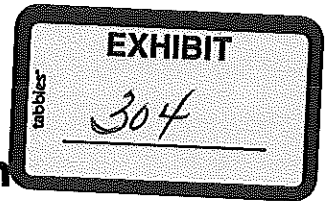


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Re: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

The Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. (CACIWC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEP proposed Stream Flow Standards & Regulations. The CACIWC Board of Directors recognizes the thorough and objective process that the DEP completed in developing this proposal, including use of various advisory groups with representatives of federal and state agencies, water utilities and departments, trade associations along with environmental organizations.

The CACIWC Board of Directors believes that the proposed regulations are scientifically based and will result in a sound and objective approach to stream flow regulation. Moreover, the two-phased approach with its separate classification and regulatory stages, will ease the burden on the regulated community. The initial stream and river classification phase, which may take up to five or more years to complete, will provide additional opportunities for input. CACIWC also enthusiastically supports the use of six separate critical stream flow rate-dependent biological processes or "bioperiods" in the regulation of stream flow. Please feel free to contact us with questions on these comments or if we can assist with educational forums with our membership.

Sincerely, 
Alan J. Siniscalchi, President, CACIWC

CACIWC is a non-profit organization working to protect Connecticut's wetlands and watercourses and other natural resources through information and education of the 2000+ volunteers and staff that carry out the responsibilities of Connecticut's Conservation Commissions and Inland Wetlands Commissions. CACIWC, representing over 200 member commissions, works with municipalities and environmental groups to promote public support for the judicious management and conservation of Connecticut's natural resources. For additional information contact Alan Siniscalchi, President, or visit www.caciwc.org.